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Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health to the Port Sanitary Authority (Penzance Division) for the year ending December 31st 1950.

Gentlemen:- I beg to present the Annual Report for the year 1950 as follows:-

Schedule 1. Amount of shipping entering the port during the year 1950.

The amount of Shipping entering the Port within your Jurisdiction, which comprises Penzance Harbour and Docks, Newlyn Harbour, Mousehole Harbour and the Harbour of St. Michael's Mount, during the year 1950, was as follows:- Foreign Steamers:- 6. Foreign Motors Vessels 29. with a combined Tonnage of 3678 tons. Foreign Fishing craft 324 with a Tonnage of 4331 tons. British Steamers:- 514. British Motor Vessels:- 256 with a combined Tonnage of 193471 tons British Fishing Craft:- 158 with a Tonnage of 1969 tons. Of these 56 were inspected by your Medical Officer of Health, and 79 by your Sanitary Inspector. Foreign Fishing Vessels- entering Newlyn Harbour only- are sub-divided as follows:- French Crabbers 58 : French Trawlers 166 : Belgian Trawlers 92 : Spanish Trawlers 6 : Russian Trawlers (on passage) 2. British Fishing Vessels and French Crabbers are not recorded above according to the number of entries they make, but all other Trawlers are recorded according to each entry into Newlyn Harbour.

Shipping inspected was found to be in a satisfactory, clean, and sanitary condition and only one notice had to be served in respect of insanitary condition of Crew's Lavatory. The freedom from nuisances as far as shipping entering your Ports is concerned is attributable to the fact that both British and Foreign vessels entering Penzance and Newlyn Harbours are, to all intents, Coastwise, and have been previously inspected in British Ports

Schedule 11. Character of the Trade of the Port.

(a). Passenger Traffic:- This is wholly composed of Passenger Traffic to and from the Isles of Scilly and Penzance. During the year the number of passengers carried was:- Inwards 15000, Outwards 15000. Of these 10000 Inwards and 10000 Outwards are accounted for by day return passengers.

(b). Cargo Traffic:- This is comprised mainly of General Cargoes by Coastwise Traffic and the shipment of General cargoes to, and fruit, flowers and vegetables from, the Isles of Scilly.

Exports from Penzance are chiefly Coal (bunker) and General goods to the Isles of Scilly.

Imports at Penzance are chiefly Coal, Timber and General goods from Home and Foreign Ports and Flowers and Vegetables from the Isles of Scilly.

Exports from Newlyn are chiefly Shell fish to Brittany, Pilchards (salted) to Italy and Stone to Home and Foreign ports.

Imports at Newlyn are chiefly Coal from Home Ports. There is an active Fishing industry at Newlyn.

Schedule 111. Water Supply.

The source of the Water Supply for the Port of Penzance is the main water supply of the Borough. At Newlyn the water is obtained from the source belonging to the Newlyn Harbour Commissioners. The Water Supply for the Harbour at St. Michael's Mount is obtained from the West Penwith Rural District Council. There are no water boats kept in any of your Ports.

Schedule IV. Port Health Regulations 1933 and 1945.

1. Declarations of Health are collected from the Masters of foreign going ships arriving from foreign Ports by the officers of H.M.Customs and Excise and are forwarded by them, via the office of the Port Sanitary Authority to the Port Medical Officer of Health.
2. All vessels are boarded on arrival by Officers of H.M.Customs and Excise who notify the M.O.H. of any case of sickness on board.
3. Arrangements for the notification to the Port Medical Officer of Health of inward vessels requiring special medical attention have been made with the Lands End Radio Station, the Customs Authorities at Penzance, Newlyn and Mousehole, and the various Shipping Agents in Penzance and Newlyn. Such vessels are boarded by the Medical Officer of Health or Deputy Medical Officer of Health, in Mounts Bay.
4. There is no special mooring station in Penzance Harbour or Newlyn Harbour for vessels with minor infectious diseases on board. There is a special anchorage designated for ships in quarantine for major infectious diseases, at Gwavas Pool-off Newlyn Harbour.
5. Standing exceptions from the provisions of Article 14 :- NIL.
6. Experience of working of Article 16 :- NIL.
7.(a) Premises and waiting room for Medical Examination:- As required, at the R.N.M.D.S.F. Institute at Newlyn.
(b) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons and clothing:- NIL.
(c) Premises for the accommodation of Persons as required under the Regulations:- at the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen at Newlyn.
(d) Hospital accommodation for major infectious diseases, The Cornwall County Isolation Hospital, Truro.
(e) Ambulance Transport:- Cornwall County Ambulance Service (National Health Act).
(f) Supervision of Contacts:- Notification to and under the administration of the County Medical Officer of Health.
8. The Bacteriological and Pathological examination of Rats would be carried out by the County Pathologist at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.
9. Any other Bacteriological or Pathological examinations required would be carried out by the County Pathologist at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro.
10. Any case of suspected Veneral Disease is seen by the Port Medical Officer of Health and, if necessary, referred to the V.D.Clinic held at the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.
11. Arrangements for interment of dead:- Normal Local Authority proceedure.
12. Other matters receiving attention:-
(a) Cases of sickness of a non-infectious nature, or accidents requiring hospital treatment are removed by Motor Ambulance transport and admitted to the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance.
(b) Requests for medical advise from ships at sea are transmitted via Lands End Radio Station and the West Cornwall Hospital Penzance to the Medical Officer of Health of the Port. During 1960 48 such messages from ships were dealt with.

Schedule V., Measures against Rodents.

No facilities for the deratisation of ships exist in your Ports. No complaint of rat infestation was made by any vessel entering your Ports in 1950. A rat catcher is appointed, and as the result of routine treatments carried out by him in warehouses and stores in the dock area, the bodies of 18 rats and 11 mice were recovered. The Docks and sheds adjoining are presumably free from rats. This is attributable to the fact that comparatively little food stuffs are landed at your Ports. The majority of vessels using your Ports carry cargoes not likely to attract rats, i.e. Coal, Cement and Stone

Schedule Vl. Hygiene of Crews Spaces.

Owing to the fact that the greater part of the shipping - even the Foreign vessels - entering your Ports is Coastwise, and therefore liable to frequent inspections, the number of nuisances in connection with the hygiene of Crews spaces is very small. Only one Notice had to be served during the year, in respect of an insanitary Lavatory.

Schedule Vll. Food Inspection.

1. The only food stuffs landed at your Ports comes in Coastwise traffic from other Home Ports as part of General cargoes. No food stuff is landed directly from Foreign Ports.
   (a) Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937. NIL.
   (b) Action taken under the Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations 1926. NIL.
   (c) Action taken under the Public Health (Preservatives etc., in food) Regulations 1925 to 1940. NIL.
2. Shell fish. There are no shell fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of your Authority.
3. Number of samples of food examined by:-
   (a) Bacteriologist:- NIL.
   (b) Analyst:- NIL.

I append Tables "A" to "J" as required by the Ministry of Health.

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) W. LESLIE. M.O.H.

J.F.W.Bennett,
Chairman.

Table "A".

	-----	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected. By the Medical Officer of Health.	Number Inspected. By the Sanitary Inspector.	Number reported to be defective.	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied.	Number of vessels on which defects were found & reported to Min. of Trans. Surveyors.	No. of vessels as having or having had during the voyage Infectious disease on board.
Foreign	Steamers	6)	3678	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Motor	29)		13	6	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Sailing	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Fishing	324	4331	10	11	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Total Foreign.	359	8009	25	17	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Coastwise	Steamers	514)	193471	5	8	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Motors	256)		14	19	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Sailing	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Fishing	158	1969	12	35	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Total Coastwise	928	195440	31	62	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	Total Foreign & Coastwise.	1287	203449	65	79	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Table "B".

Passenger Traffic during the year.

Number of Passengers.		1st. 2nd. or 3rd. Class.	Transmigrants.
Outwards:-	15000	All one class	NIL
Inwards:-	15000		NIL

Medical Inspection of Aliens

NIL.

Table "C".

Cases of Infectious sickness landed from Vessels.
NIL.

Table "D".

Cases of Infectious diseases on Vessels during the voyage but disposed of before arrival.
NIL.

Table "E".

1. Rats destroyed on Vessels.
NIL.

Table "F"

2. Rats destroyed during the year in Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

Black	NIL
Brown	18
Species not recorded.	NIL
Examined	NIL
Infected with Plague.	NIL

Table "G".

NIL return.

Table "F".

not applicable.

Table "J".

Nationality of Vessel.	Number Infected during the year.	Classification of Nuisances. Defects of original construction.	Structural defects through wear & tear.	Dirt, vermin & other conditions prejudicial to Health
British	93	NIL	NIL	1.
Other Nations.	42	NIL	NIL	NIL

(Sgd.) W.LESLIE. M.O.H.